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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FEBRUARY 10, 1949

DIRECTOR, FBI

FRANCES PERKINS
AKA Mrs. Paul Caldwell Wilson
Commissioner
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D.C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYERS

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A loyalty form has been received at the Bureau for Frances Perkins from the Civil Service Commission.

For your information, the Bureau has not conducted in the past any investigation of Frances Perkins.

BACKGROUND

Frances Perkins was born April 10, 1882 at Boston, Massachusetts. She was a member of the New York State Industrial Board from 1923 to 1933. From 1933 to 1945, she was Secretary of Labor. The loyalty form reflects she has been employed with the Civil Service Commission since October 9, 1945 and at present holds the position as captioned above. (62-28592)

II - INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES CONCERNING FRANCES PERKINS
PERKINS IS EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835

(A) There is no information in Bureau files which reflects Frances Perkins is, or has been, a member of any organization cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Prior to the First American Youth Congress held in New York City in 1944, official publications of this Congress listed some individuals who were interested in the movement and offered advice and suggestions. Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, was listed among these individuals. It is noted that this list included other cabinet members, several governors, and other prominent people. (100-3587-71)

(B) There is no information in Bureau files which reflects Frances Perkins is, or has been, a member of any organization cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities or any other public committee.

The loyalty form for Frances Perkins reflects she is a member of

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
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Miss Gandy

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the National Consumer's League. This organization has not been investigated by the Bureau and it is not identical with the National Consumer's Union. (100-163350)

(c) Alleged Association by Frances Perkins with the Communist Party and Reported Communists

(1) Communist Party

Bureau files contain letters written by individuals in which it is alleged that Frances Perkins is a Communist or Communist sympathizer. (None of these letters contain any factual basis for the allegations.) It is noted most of these letters made similar allegations regarding other prominent people employed by the United States Government.

(61-5779-B220X, 8372, 9486, 9594, 9599) (100-10718-2)
A former member of the Communist Party advised the Bureau he had heard remarks at Communist Party meetings to the effect that Frances Perkins favored Communist Party policies. (39-915-412)

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370 [redacted] was reported to have said that if a Communist has trouble coming to America or getting off Ellis Island, Frances Perkins eases things for him. (65-8946-5104)

An article appeared in the July 27, 1940 issue of the Saturday Evening Post written by Benjamin Stolberg which set forth "Perkins is not a Communist nor even remotely a Communist sympathizer. She represents a classic type of soft-minded liberals whom the Stalinists behind the scenes know how to exploit for their own purpose." (39-915-96X5)

Bureau files do not reflect Frances Perkins has been active in any reported Communist Party front organizations.

(2) Association with Reported Communists

Frances Perkins was reported to have canceled in 1934 the deportation order of Frank Borah, who was charged with being a member of an organization seeking the overthrow of this government by violence. Borah, in 1948, was reported to be a Communist Party member and Executive Secretary of the National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent. (K9903452570KX3) 100-346268-118

Walter G. Steele of the "National Republic," testifying

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before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1950 concerning the American League for Peace and Democracy, stated "The late Henri Furtasse, French Communist, was the founder of this international movement who came to the United States with the permission of Secretary of Labor Perkins to assist in launching the American section." (61-7582 Copy A, Vol. 1, pg. 457)

[redacted] reportedly said Frances Perkins was a close friend of [redacted] and that he was the "go-between" between Frances Perkins and the Russian Ambassador in Sweden. (65-9946-5104)

Bureau files reflect that Frances Perkins was a friend of three individuals whom this Bureau has investigated because they were reported to be pro-Russian. (77-28923-4) (85-32677-3)

Frances Perkins was reported to have spoken in 1944 at the Community Church of Boston. [redacted]

(100-29870-21)

III - MISCELLANEOUS

An article in the October 18, 1933 issue of the "Daily Worker" refers to Secretary Frances Perkins as having been a member of the Socialist Party for the past fifteen years. (101-255-2)

Frances Perkins was listed as a reference in 1942 by [redacted]

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Such unfavorable comment has been made of Frances Perkins regarding her reported action in withholding the deportation of aliens who were reported to be Communists. This criticism pertains to such well-known individuals as Harry Bridges and Frank Borch, mentioned above. Such organizations as the American Legion, the National Small Businessmen's Association and the House Committee on Un-American Activities have issued statements voicing such criticism. (61-7587-2-10) (61-7582 Vol. 3, pg. 2001; vol. 4, pg. 2927) (94-1-7451-A)

The November 17, 1946 issue of the "Sunday Star" carried an article which set forth that Frances Perkins had expressed herself as being opposed to "snooping" investigators, checking up on federal office holders and applicants. (62-28592)

It is requested that you advise this Bureau if a full field loyalty investigation should be conducted of Frances Perkins, based upon the above information. If you do not desire such an investigation, please advise if a summary of this information should be furnished to the Civil Service Commission on the basis of the loyalty form.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 1949

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: FRANCES PERKINS

Aka Mrs. Paul Caldwell Wilson, "Fanny"
Commissioner
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D.C.
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

A loyalty form has been received at the Bureau for Perkins from the Civil Service Commission.

As you are aware, the Bureau has not conducted in the past any investigation of Perkins.

I - BACKGROUND

Frances Perkins was born April 10, 1892 at Boston, Massachusetts. She was a member of the New York State Industrial Board from 1923 to 1933. From 1933 to 1945, she was Secretary of Labor. The loyalty form reflects she has been employed with the Civil Service Commission since October 9, 1945 and at present holds the position as captioned above. (82-28592)

Bureau files contain unverified information reflecting captioned individual's maiden name was Matilda Wutski. (97-82-17) (61-7560-4738)

II - INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES CONCERNING FRANCES PERKINS PERTINENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835

(A) There is no information in Bureau files which reflects Perkins is, or has been, a member of any organization cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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(B) There is no information in Bureau files which reflects Perkins is, or has been, a member of any organization

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